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SALUTE TO CHAPLAINS:

• With deep appreciation of what you have done and what you are doing, we salute you. No group of Americans has been given a richer privilege than is yours. It is a privilege which carries great responsibilities.

• Accept this expression of our gratitude for the way you have met the demanding and challenging obligations which are a part of privilege, and for what you have meant to millions of American young men and women.

• Earnestly we shall attempt on behalf of thirty Protestant denominations to serve you to the limit of our ability. May the best in all things attend each one of you.

—THOMAS A. RYMER

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Uses of Experience

CHAPLAINS returning to civilian life possess a store of new knowledge derived from immediate observation and from things undergone. They face the problem of using the best and discarding the worst of their experiences.

The chaplain may become a sort of community jester with cap and bells dispending levity as if he were just home from a picnic. Or he may return grumpy, complaining of having received unfair treatment from commanding officers and a rough deal in general. He may become disappointed because pulpit committees and appointive powers do not accept his services to his country as sufficient reason for jumping him into the king row of his denomination. He may even forget that America abounds in young men who are obliged to start from scratch with many of them in wheel chairs, on crutches or on wooden legs.

Give Listeners a Lift

WE venture to suggest a few things the public will welcome from the lips of returning chaplains. Recite instances of goodness that appeared in unexpected places. Americans are desperately in need of a moral lift. Of all surplus war material, that which moves slowest toward its disposal is the stockpile of complaints, grievances and misgivings. Under its weight the spiritual life of multitudes is threatened with suffocation. For heaven's sake, do not add to it! Diminish it, and begin at once.

And speak a good word for the church. Who else ever saw the church in action on fields so vast, remote and difficult as did the chaplains? We might also ask, "Who ever saw it do a better job?" He saw the young defenders file from its aisles to serve and die, steadfast to the last. Of such devotion no American will ever weary of hearing. During the darkness of war faith flamed from innumerable altars, and no son of the church ever traveled beyond the prayers and the solicitude of some congregation.

Now that these men are stepping out of uniform they are seeing and hearing much that bewilders them. Just why should they have exerted themselves to keep Old Glory floating in war, only to meet upon their return so many who seem indifferent as to whether it flies or falls. In the service the chaplain helped men to be good soldiers. With that done, his task is to keep them good citizens. Only the best of his garnered experiences will do the job.

• *On the first anniversary of V-J Day two chaplains are reminiscent*

How News of V-J Day Was Received

By Chaplains J. M. Sherley and Robert P. Taylor

WHEN WORD reached Guam, as told by Chaplain J. M. Sherley, USNR, 3d Medical Battalion, 3d Marine Division, FMF:

"About 10:30 on the evening of 10 August, 1945, the news of the first Japanese surrender offer reached the Medical Battalion of the 3d Marine Division. The chaplain in his quarters, a tent on the beach near the Ilig River on the Island of Guam, was inclined to disregard the distant shouts and continue to try to sleep. When soon the magnitude of the news became apparent, without quite knowing why, the chaplain dressed and went to the chapel for personal prayer of gratitude, but without any thought or plan for group worship.

"All lights in the area had been put out at 10:00 taps, but immediately upon hearing the news one of the hospital corpsmen, a future student for the ministry, whose tent was near the chapel, had lighted the candles so that the only place of light in the area was from this place of worship, with its thatched-roof and bamboo-matting finish. Without any previous planning or announcement, the men began to gather spontaneously so that within half an hour the chapel was filled with more than a hundred men.

"The intense emotional feeling was too deep for words. First in silence each man offered his own prayer of gratitude for the end of the war. The organist played quiet music, and the chaplain led in the singing of the Doxology, the reading of a Psalm of thanksgiving and a prayer of thanksgiving. The men went out into the night with a feeling of personal relief that this group of combat troops would never fight and die in the operation that was not far off. But there was also a swelling sense of kinship with all of humanity in the realization that so many millions shared the same relief and deep gratitude that peace had at last come.

"There was little shouting, no arms were fired, and in general the response to the coming of peace was one of real thanksgiving to God and dedication to the winning of the peace. Subsequently, two additional spontaneous services of thanksgiving were held in the chapel; one at 4:30 on the afternoon of 14 August when the final Japanese acceptance news came, and at 11:20 the following morning when President Truman made the final announcement of the acceptance of surrender.

"The response of the men in this outfit stands in sharp contrast to the hilarity intensified by the operation of mob psychology which characterized scattered outfits overseas and certain cities in the States, but it was typical, I am sure, of Christian service men in many outfits over the world."

Chaplain Robert P. Taylor, who arrived in Manila in May, 1941, and served as the regimental chaplain of the famous 31st Infantry Regiment, Philippine Division, describes deliverance of the survivors of Bataan in Manchuria. He who in temporary defeat saw lowered the Stars and Stripes, which had waved over the Philippines for forty years, has only praise for the conduct of those Filipino and American troops.

Chaplain Taylor was detained by the enemy at Cabanatuan Prison camp for eight months where he was placed in solitary confinement for ninety days, charged with thirteen others as being members of a band that smuggled food into the detention camp. The second place of internment was the infamous Bilibid prison camp in Manila.

On December 13, 1945, the chaplain along with 1,620 American officers and medical personnel were put aboard a Japanese prison ship and started for Japan. The following April he was again transferred to Manchuria where in Hoten Camp he was liberated on August 16, 1945. On that day Chaplain Taylor gives this description:

"It was indeed a day of thanksgiving. It was also a day of regret in that all of us recalled the many fellow prisoners who did not survive to witness the day of liberation. Our liberation service was perhaps the most sincere thanksgiving service men ever held. All through the Bataan campaign, the march and the long months of prison, the men had never lost faith. Now, at long last, deliverance had come."

The chaplain, who was formerly pastor of the South Fort Worth Baptist Church, is now stationed at Barksdale Field, La.

Postwar Mental Weather

George M. Wrong, the Canadian historian, illustrated the disillusionment and reaction following World War I with this story: "Over the beautiful portal of a churchyard in England were written the words, 'This is none other than the Gate of Heaven.' In a stormy season the custodian put on the gatepost the notice that 'owing to the inclemency of the weather this gate is closed until further notice.'"

Witness from the Enemy Camp

When in 1337 William T. Stead asked Richard Croker the fundamental law of the universe the old political boss replied: "Sir, the law is that although wrongdoing may endure for a season, right must in the long run come to the top. Human nature is so built that roguery cannot last. Honest men come to their own, no matter what odds against them. If you put ten honest men into an assembly with ninety thieves, human nature is such that the ten honest men will boss the ninety thieves."

• *The General Commission takes pleasure in presenting . . .*

Thomas A. Rymer, New Director

(General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, also continuing the work of the Service Men's Christian League)

THOMAS A. RYMER, newly elected Director of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, is widely known among American chaplains and churchmen. He has been Senior Secretary of the Army and Navy Department, National Board, Y.M.C.A. for the past eleven years and brings to the General Commission a background of broad experience and long-proven interest in the welfare of the enlisted men of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

His administration of the Army and Navy Department during World War II constitutes one of the most distinguished records in the annals of Y.M.C.A. service. In this connection Mr. Rymer played a leading role in the formation of the United Service Organizations, and served as a member of its Conference of Executives, Committee on Field Operations, and Overseas Committee. He was personally responsible for the administration of 531 Y.M.C.A.-operated USO units, with a staff of one thousand professional workers. Through his efforts, close co-ordination was established between the Protestant churches and the USO in a well developed religious program directed by twelve consultants chosen from the ministerial field.

Mr. Rymer, who was born near New Waterford, Ohio, was graduated in 1910 from Miami University, where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and senior year captain of the football team. He was honored three decades after graduation with the University's award for distinguished public service. His service to men in uniform dates from World War I when he worked with American troops both in this country and overseas, and following the Armistice, organization of the Welfare services of the Beaune University program for the A.E.F. was entrusted to him. In 1919 he became United Religious Work Director of the War Work Council. Later he was made West Coast representative of the Y.M.C.A.'s Army and Navy Department and in 1935 succeeded to the senior secretaryship.

Mr. Rymer has traveled extensively in the interest of service men throughout the United States, China, the Philippines, Hawaii, Alaska and the Canal Zone. He is the father of two sons who served with the Navy in the Pacific Theater. His nationally recognized leadership in service to men in uniform and his active participation in the affairs of the General Commission combine to make Mr. Rymer's selection as its Director a matter of deep gratification to those interested in the spiritual welfare of the armed forces.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Radio project. Methodist Radio Paris, Inc., Flint, Mich., has been granted a permit for construction and operation of a standard broadcasting station. The project is a non-profit corporation of the Detroit Conference.

Memorial. Plymoth Congregational Church Brooklyn, N. Y., better known as the church of Henry Ward Beecher, is planning large improvements. A centennial tower will stand above the Beecher Arcade and there will be a chapel in memory of the Pilgrim Fathers.

A new magazine, *Christian Frontiers,* is now being published monthly by the Baptist Book Club with Headquarters at Chapel Hill, N. C.

Pastor Martin Niemoeller has been elected president of an executive council in the reconstructed Evangelical Church in Germany. The council represents more than one million Confessionalists who in 1933 opposed the attempts of the Nazis to control the church.

The Protestant Film Commission according to Paul F. Heard, executive secretary, plans to make Protestant principles a more active force in the nation through the production of its own films and those made in Hollywood. To achieve this, the Commission will produce films for use in the study of Christian education and which show the application of Christian principles to the pressing problems of everyday living.

The World Council of Churches has a five-year lease on the Chateau Dobossey, near Geneva, which will become the headquarters of a new Ecumenical institute to train Christian laymen. The institute will be financed through a gift of one million dollars from John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

A floating church, first of its kind in northern Norway, is serving the spiritual needs of remote fishing villages in Norway where many churches were destroyed during the German occupation. The church is built on a barge and has been consecrated by Bishop Krohn Hansen of the Lutheran Church.

Devil's Island. In the abolition of Devil's Island, France's century-old penal colony in French Guiana, The Salvation Army has played an important role. Twenty-three hundred prisoners serving terms must be returned to France before the settlement can be closed. The Salvation Army began its work in French Guiana in 1933 bringing spiritual and material aid to the convict population. Major Pean, recently in this country on his way to Devil's Island, was appointed by the French government to supervise the repatriation program.

In a report from Shanghai, the **American Bible Society** has learned that the plates of the China Bible House were hidden during the war years and escaped looting. As soon as paper is available, production of the Scriptures can begin.

Horizon Films, Inc., has just been formed in New York. This is the first commercial organization to produce films to foster understanding and pro-

mote fraternal relations among the many racial and national groups in the United States.

The Evangelical Church of Slovakia has joined the World Council of Churches, bringing to 93 the total of Protestant and Orthodox churches in this organization.

Opening of a test school for veterans and others who wish to train for the ministry, but who are not qualified educationally or vocationally for admission to the theological schools, has been proposed by the Episcopal Church in Scotland.

Y.M.C.A. The Reverend Edwin T. Cornelius has been named National Religious Consultant of the Army and Navy Department, Young Men's Christian Association. He succeeded the Reverend Reuben W. Coleman.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower has received the 1946 *Churchman* Award for "the promotion of good will and better understanding among all poples." The previous seven recipients of the award, established in 1937, have been Eleanor Roosevelt, William Allen White, Wendell L. Willkie, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Madame Chiang Kai-shek, Bernard M. Baruch and Henry A. Wallace.

Baptist work begun at Anchorage, Alaska, by an Army chaplain from Hot Springs, Arkansas, has become the Alaska Baptist Convention, which employs a mission staff and publishes a monthly denominational newspaper. The Convention is now asking the Southern Baptist Convention for affiliating membership.

The 20,000th Marine to be sent home from Kyushu, Japan, since the Second Marine Division began occupation of that Island in September, 1945, recently arrived in California. Before boarding ship, he was presented with a 590-year old Japanese sword and two Japanese military medals for his souvenir collection.

Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower, wife of the Army Chief of Staff, acted as sponsor of the *Drenthe,* first of ten ships being built for the Netherland government by the Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co.

C. Austin Miles, author of "In the Garden" and many other well-known gospel songs, recently died at his home Pitman, New Jersey. It is estimated that Mr. Miles wrote some three thousand songs, among which were "Sweeter Every Day" and "Dwelling in Beulah Land."

The appointment of **John L. Fortson** as National Director of United Church Canvass has been announced by Dr. Karl K. Quimby, Methodist Mission Board Secretary and Chairman of the United Church Canvass Planning Committee.

The American Bible Society observed its 130th anniversary on May 9 in the Central Presbyterian Church, New York City. A record distribution of over twelve million copies of the Scriptures in 1945 was reported.

The Rev. Dr. Emory Ross, executive secretary of the African committee of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, is on a tour of eight African countries in the interests of mission rehabilitation and education.

Boston University School of Theology has announced an airborne division with the appointment of three flying ministers to serve eleven churches over 8,500 square miles in the Dakota Conference of the Methodist Church.

Former Chaplains . .

ABBOTT, LAWRENCE W. ..... *First Universalist Church*, Akron, Ohio
AHL, KENNETH L. ..... *Chaplain, Veterans Administration*, Los Angeles, Calif.
ARCHER, RUSSELL C. ..... *Murlin Heights Congregational Church*, Dayton, Ohio
ASH, CLYDE W. ..... *Ass't. Pastor, Wesley Methodist Church*, Morgantown, W. Va.
ATKINSON, RALPH W. ..... *Grace Methodist Church*, Atlanta, Ga.
BANKS, ROBERT E. ..... *The Christian Church*, Beech Grove, Pa.
BEHRENS, HENRY J. ..... *Gloria Dei Lutheran Church*, Chicago, Ill.
BLAISDELL, DAIRUS O. ..... *North Beach Baptist Church*, Corpus Christi, Texas
BOWLES, DAVID A. ..... *Assoc. Pastor, First Presbyterian Church*, Fort Smith, Ark.
BRESEE, FLOYD E. ..... *Student, Union College*, Lincoln, Nebr.
BAUER, E. T. ..... *Gatchell Methodist Church*, Des Moines, Iowa
BURTON, RAYMOND A. ..... *First Methodist Church*, Ferris, Texas
CARROLL, ROBERT E. ..... *Chaplain, Veterans Administration*, Laguna Beach, Calif.
CLAPPER, EDWIN M. ..... *Grace Lutheran Church*, Altoona, Pa.
CROSSON, JAMES C. ..... *The Church of the Redeemer*, Pelham, N. Y.
DAIB, WALTER C. ... *Field Representative, Home Mission Board*, Missouri Synod Lutheran
DASHER, OLIN G. ..... *Redeemer Lutheran Church*, Tacoma, Wash.
DEFFNER, EDWARD G. ..... *Chaplain, Veterans Administration*, Waukesha, Wis.
DEIHL, RALPH L., JR. ..... *Farm School Presbyterian Church*, Swannanoa, N. C.
DISTANT, LEWIS E. ..... *Washburn Memorial Congregational Church*, Sherman Mills, Me.
DOEGE, ARTHUR J. ..... *Concordia Collegiate Institute*, Bronxville, N. Y.
EARNHARDT, DANIEL E. ..... *First Methodist Church*, Rockingham, N. C.
FIKE, CHARLES E., JR. ..... *The Methodist Church*, Gruver, Texas
FIFIELD, HARRY A. ..... *Westminster Presbyterian Church*, Lynchburg, Va.
FISKE, WALLACE G. ..... *First Universalist Church*, Haverhill, Mass.
FLOOD, HAROLD D. ..... *The Methodist Church*, Narberth, Pa.
FREDERICK, HOWARD D. ..... *Westminster Presbyterian Church*, Washington, D. C.
GALLOWAY, CHESTER A. ..... *First Presbyterian Church*, Avenel, N. J.
GIDEON, BRUCE E. ..... *Market Street Methodist Church*, Williamsburg, Pa.
GRAEF, FREDERICK A. ..... *Christ Lutheran Church*, Pascagoula, Miss.
GOLD, WILLIAM B. ..... *Veterans Administration*, Roanoke, Va.
GRAHAM, RICHARD M. ..... *First Baptist Church*, Fairfax, Va.
GRAY, JOHN A. ..... *Natural Bridge Parish*, Buena Vista, Va.
GROVE, RALPH M. ..... *United Presbyterian Church*, Long Beach, Calif.
GUTHRIE, MCCOY ..... *Ass't. to the President, Athens College*, Athens, Ala.
HABERER, FREDERICK W. ..... *Alpha Baptist Church*, Detroit, Mich.
HAINES, HOWARD B. ..... *First Presbyterian Church*, Yonkers, N. Y.
HAMILTON, WAIF ..... *First Baptist Church*, Stamps, Ark.
HARPER, GEORGE S. ..... *Wesley Methodist Church*, Roselle, N. J.
HELFER, FREDERICK W. ..... *Christian Temple of Baltimore*, Baltimore, Md.
HILL, LESTER A. ..... *Point Isabel Congregational Church*, Bethel, Ohio
HINCK, WALDEMAR E. ..... *St. Paul Lutheran Church*, Carroll, Iowa
HOFFMAN, HAROLD ..... *Hope Reformed Church*, Detroit, Mich.
HUNTER, URIAH H. ..... *Grace Baptist Church*, Baton Rouge, La.
ISRAEL, ERNEST A. ..... *Bethany Presbyterian Church*, Muskogee, Okla.
JACKSON, GEORGE D. ..... *Student, Princeton Seminary*, Princeton, N. J.
JAKES, PAUL R. ..... *First Baptist Church*, Elgin, Texas

KELLY, F. LAMAR ..... *First Baptist Church*, Huntsville, Mo.
KIRK, GORDON J. ..... *Union Square Baptist Church*, Somerville, Mass.
KIRKO, JOHN ..... *St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Church*, Jermyn, Pa.
KROENCKE, E. J. ..... *Chief Chaplain, Veterans Administration*, Columbus, Ohio
LACK, ERNEST A. ..... *First Lutheran Church*, Des Moines, Iowa
LEARNED, WILLARD F. ..... *Assoc. Minister, Central Christian Church*, Glendale, Calif.
LEITH, YODER P. ..... *The Presbyterian Church*, Cleveland Heights, Ohio
LINGER, O. A. ..... *Winton Baptist Church*, Columbus, Ga.
LUTZ, HAROLD R. ..... *First Presbyterian Church*, Covington, Ohio
MCCHESNEY, MORTIMER J. ..... *The Presbyterian Church*, Taylorsville, N. C.
MCGRAW, JOHN C. ..... *Missionary of Southern Baptist Convention*, Hawaii
MCKECHNIE, DAVID R. ..... *United Congregational Church*, Butte, Montana
MOORE, JOSIAH E., JR. ..... *First Church of the Nazarene*, Austin, Texas
MUIR, CHARLES W. ..... *First Presbyterian Church*, Findlay, Ohio
NEWSOM, REUBEN J. ..... *Church of the Nazarene*, Hood River, Ore.
PANNING, PAUL H. ..... *Trinity Lutheran Church*, Carver, Minn.
PETRE, WILLIAM R. ..... *Spring Garden Methodist Church*, Philadelphia, Pa.
PHILLIPS, JAMES H. ..... *Faculty, American University*, Washington, D. C.
PRICE, HARRY ALLAN ..... *Pittsburgh Area, Veterans Administration*, Pittsburgh, Pa.
REEVES, JOHN H. ..... *First Christian Church*, Lynchburg, Va.
RHINEHART, ORVILLE ..... *The Baptist Church*, Bethany, Mo.
ROBSON, CLARENCE R. ..... *Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church*, Terre Hill, Pa.
RODEHORST, ERVIN C. ..... *Redeemer Lutheran Church*, Alexanderia, La.
ROSKAMP, AREND ..... *The Reformed Church*, Alexander, Iowa
ROSENBERGER, F. A. ..... *St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Charge*, Waynesboro, Pa.
SEDAM, OSCAR W. ..... *Exec. Secty., Council of Churches*, Redlands, Calif.
SMELTZER, JOHN F. ..... *Swatara Evangelical and Reformed Charge*, Jonestown, Pa.
SMITH, BRONSON N. ..... *Assoc. Pastor, First Methodist Church*, Rantoul, Ill.
SNEDEKER, STUART A. ..... *The Methodist Church*, Crosswicks, N. J.
SNOW, I. NEEL ..... *First Baptist Church*, West Columbia, Texas
SUMMAR, WILLIAM C. ..... *First Baptist Church*, Selmer, Tenn.
SUMMERS, AUGUSTUS C. ..... *Tampa Heights Presbyterian Church*, Tampa, Fla.
TAFT, EDWARD R. ..... *Christ Episcopal Church*, Warwick, New York
TAYLOR, RAYMOND A. ..... *Conference Board of Evangelism*, San Antonio, Texas
THEISS, HENRY O. ..... *Our Saviour's Lutheran Church*, Fresno, Calif.
THORNBERRY, JOHN H. ..... *The Methodist Church*, St. Mary's, Kans.
TOMLINSON, HOWARD J. ..... *The Methodist Church*, Haviland, Ohio
TRUSSELL, GERALD ..... *First Baptist Church*, Homer, La.
TUBESING, KARL A. ..... *Chaplain, Veterans Administration*, Battle Creek, Mich.
VERNON, DOUGLAS ..... *Silliman University*, Negros Oriental, Philippines
VON HUSEN, F. L. ..... *First English Lutheran Church*, Grand Rapids, Minn.
WALLEY, AUBREY C. *Conference Bd. of Evangelism*, Mississippi Conference, Jackson, Miss.
WARFIELD, THOMAS P. ..... *First Baptist Church*, St. Albans, Vt.
WICKSTRAND, ROGER ..... *Glenville Baptist Church*, Cleveland, Ohio
WILLARD, W. WYETH ..... *Wheaton College*, Wheaton, Ill.
WILLIAMS, WILLIAM D. ..... *The Methodist Church*, Lawrenceville, Va.
WORTH, CHARLES W. ..... *Associate Mission Treasurers*, Shanghai, China

AS CHAPLAINS SAW IT

Chaplain B. H. Thaden, USNR, during his second tour of duty spent several weeks in Hollandia, New Guinea. He describes a voyage he made in a little boat fashioned from spare gas tanks of an airplane by an ingenious Seabee. Upon arriving at a certain jungle village, the natives greeted him noisily, acclaiming him as a "brother." The gold cross on his shirt collar offered the identification.

Upon invitation, the chaplain visited at a mission school supervised by a native missionary who placed in his hand a Bible written in Melanesian. In that tongue they sang the gospel hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," to which Chaplain Thaden responded by singing the same song in English. He says: "It was a great and dramatic experience, strengthening my own faith in the power and glory of salvation. It served to teach me that no one is too far from us, in thought or spirit, to be outside the Kingdom of God."

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Apparently former chaplain Alfonso W. Crump has few unhappy memories of his army service. He writes: "Out of the 27 months I served, no one has ever shown disrespect for me as a chaplain, and I say this for both races, white and black." His most satisfactory recollection is of gathering around him eight young men who plan to become ministers.

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Chaplain H. P. Abbott, one of the first American chaplains to accompany troops invading foreign soil (North Africa) is now stationed in the Veterans Administration Hospital, Little Rock, Arkansas. He received the French *Croix de Guerre* with gold star and the Bronze Star for service in the North Africa campaign. He has recently written a book, *The Nazi—88 Made Believers,* published by the Otterbein Press, Dayton, Ohio.

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Chaplain Roy D. Thompson, USNR, served aboard the *USS West Point* for eighteen months. The vessel covered about 155,000 miles and quite often had 5,000 attendants at Sunday worship services. Particularly enjoyable was the transporting of troops and their chaplains, the latter numbering 200. He recalls with joy the unfailing co-operation given by all chaplains of many denominations.

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Chaplain Oran E. Bollinger of the 596th Engineer Base Depot in Manila, has the distinction of being the first chaplain assigned to this group. Chaplain Bollinger has instigated a plan for mailing a letter to the families of the men in his group who are returning to their homes, suggesting to them that they help in his readjustment to civilian life.

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Chaplain Robert K. Wilson, USNR, regards no tour of duty as having been more profitable and satisfactory than that of Ships and Docks Chaplain of the Los Angeles Harbor Area. A very interesting souvenir booklet, *From War to Peace with the White*

Plains has been compiled. Chaplain Wilson served as chaplain aboard this famous ship for 4 months in 1945.

Chaplain Earl D. Burris reported from Camp Bowie, Texas, in April the following: "I think that the experience that made the most impression on me was when we left New Guinea for the invasion of the Philippines. Just before we left we held a Christmas service, although it seemed more like a consecration service. The music of those old Christmas hymns certainly fortified men who boarded the transport with strength and courage to live through those 13 days of travel through waters infested with enemy submarines and skies filled with enemy aircraft. When finally our men were relieved to go back for a rest, one of their greatest desires was to build a chapel to meet their spiritual needs."

On the day that he was engaged in checking out of the various departments of the *USS Mission Bay,* Chaplain Avery H. Butler, USNR, recalled that his entire duty had been with the aviation branch, first at the Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va., and then aboard a "jeep carrier" operating in the Atlantic for 17 months. He feels that the chaplaincy offered an opportunity to help men of all faiths such as he had not had before.

Chaplain R. W. Blanchard arrived in India in 1945. He was flown across "The Hump" to Kunming, a Chinese city on the Stilwell Highway, and was assigned to the Chinese Combat Command with the 71st Army (Chinese). Of his work there, he says: "I constantly rejoiced over the examples of Christian living that I saw day to day as my jeep or weapon-carrier pulled up beside the encampment of my scattered troops. . . . The end of the war found us on the Liu Chow Air Base. Since we were completely surrounded by water we lived for weeks on what we had in store or on supplies dropped to us by air."

Reviewing his experiences, Chaplain Blanchard says that his deepest appreciation goes to the men who comprised the Burma Road engineers, the truck battalions, and the service of supplies that carried the war to Japanese troops over the longest supply line in the world's history.

Chaplain George R. Probert, formerly at Camp Beale, California, has proved a great distributor of the printed word. To confirm this, he writes: "With ten men a few weeks ago, I went to Mather Field and found 6,000 Gideon Testaments besides ten cases of A.B.S. Bibles, USO and other literature, in a loft above the chapel there. We brought an overload on a two-ton truck and carried part of the boys in a sedan on our return."

Chaplain Hubert H. Callahan, USNR, has had extensive service aboard transports. Fortune favored him most the day he left the cruiser, *USS Indianapolis,* at Pearl Harbor, only to learn of its being destroyed ten days later. He recalls being among the earliest visitors to Baguio, the once-beautiful summer capital of the Philippines. Upon approaching a building that had once been a church edifice, he came upon a sign upon a blasted tree reading, "Evangelical Church." From somewhere within the spectral walls enshrouded in fog, there

came the familiar song of childhood days, "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so." Chaplain Callahan wrote: "Observing Christians of another race singing 'Jesus Loves Me' in a bomb-blasted church made a deep impression upon my heart. . . . It was, amid the destruction, a tremendous show of faith from which we knew that the city, and above all, the church, would rise again."

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The Reverend Roland M. Traver, a former Naval Reserve chaplain, but now of Port Huron, Michigan, continues to sing the praises of the "Can Do" men of the Navy, as the Seabees are called. Of his experiences while assigned with the unit on the Island of Hawaii, he says: "My Seabee Chapel was housed in the headquarters building which had been seized from the Japanese, who had used it as a brewery for the making of sake. The ironical humor of it all was the fact that our Chapel was the vat room of the distillery, while the Chaplain's Office was the drying room. The signs 'Boil Here,' 'Distill to so many degrees' were left dangerously near the chaplain's pulpit."

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Chaplain James C. Calvin, who during forty-five months was stationed at Camp Beauregard, La.; Ft. Bragg, N. C.; Indiantown Gap Reservation, Pa.; Ft. Lawton, Wash.; and finally on Okinawa, can never be persuaded that Uncle Sam is the hard-hearted person that he is sometimes reputed to be. The reason is that when word reached him in the Pacific of the serious illness of his wife, Chaplain Calvin was speedily flown from Okinawa to his wife's bedside in New Orleans.

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Chaplain Roy E. Lemoine, USN, has had a variety of passengers aboard his transports. Most interesting of all was a little four-year old White Russian girl, Hope Sparks, for whose transfer to the United States the chaplain made arrangements. How a young Marine Sergeant, implored Chaplain Lemoine to bring his adopted daughter back from Shanghai; how inquiries were answered to satisfy government authorities that the child was a daughter of the Marine's wife by a previous marriage, and should be admitted to the United States; how Chaplain Lemoine obtained legal and military permission to bring the little traveler aboard the transport and how she sailed away with 500 men to join her mother in California, is one of the dramatic incidents of the war.

Chaplain Lemoine finds particular satisfaction because he had saved the child from probable death since the grandparents had been proscribed by the puppet government in China for their anti-Japanese activities.

Scriptural Basis!

A colored Baptist minister in order to strengthen and confirm the faith of his congregation, took as the text of his discourse the *first* verse of the *third* chapter of *Matthew:* "In those days came John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness of Judea." "Oh," said he, "how I like to read these precious words in the blessed Bible. You don't read anywhere in it about John the Presbyterian, or John the Methodist, or John the Episcopalian. No, it is John the Baptist. Oh, how I do enjoy reading that!"

PERSONALS

Chaplain Frank L. Titus has been appointed assistant to the director of the Overseas Department of the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Chaplain Russell Otto Kirsch and Miss Agnes Williams were married recently by Bishop Oliver J. Hart in the Bishop's Chapel, Philadelphia.

Chaplain James D. McNair, USN Ret'd, senior ranking chaplain of the Navy, died recently at his home in the suburbs of Philadelphia at the age of 71. The Chaplain had served for twenty-two years aboard naval vessels and received the Navy Cross for heroism while chaplain of the Sixth Regiment of the Marine Corps at Beleau Wood during World War I. He held the rank of Rear Admiral, the third member of the Chaplain Corps to be so honored since the Civil War.

Chaplain Harold G. Eisam, on duty in the Planning and Training Division, Office of the Chief of Army Chaplains, has been elected editor of *The Army and Navy Chaplain.*

Chaplain Fred R. Edgar has organized a 34th Division Veterans Garrison of the Army and Navy Union and invited all men of the 34th Division to become members.

Former chaplain J. V. Claypool, USNR, will become the Secretary for Promotion of Bible Use for the American Bible Society, New York City, on September first.

Chaplain Grant Reynolds has been designated by the Republicans of the Twenty-second Congressional District of New York as their candidate for Representative in Congress for that district.

Chaplain Crawford W. Brown, Director Chaplaincy Service, and Chaplain Don C. Beatty, Chief, Planning Division, Veterans Administration, attended a 7th Branch chaplains' conference in Chicago during May.

Chaplains Carl R. Eggers and H. F. Gereck while stationed at Nuremberg during the trial of the Nazi war criminals, report that several of the high-ranking Nazi leaders, among whom were Field Marshal Keitel and Herman Goering, showed interest in religion.

The citation of Chaplain Abbot Peterson, Jr., USNR, has been reprinted in the *Congressional Record.* It was given "for heroic achievement in connection with operations against the enemy while serving aboard the *U.S.S. Birmingham* on October 24, 1944."

Former chaplain C. E. Haterius is working on a proposed book (human interest document) on the chaplaincy. The chaplain is preparing the manuscript on a German typewriter that once graced Hitler's Chancellery.

Navy Chaplains Hansel H. Tower, Roy L. Lewis and E. W. Davis assisted in the dedication of an unusual triptych in the chapel of the U. S. Naval

Base in Philadelphia recently. In the central panel Jesus is portrayed as being as young as the Navy Bluejackets and as one who understands ships and their construction.

There were 247 Negro chaplains in the Army in 1945, peak year for the corps. This exceeded the total number of chaplains in the entire corps in 1932.

Former chaplain EDWARD K. ROGERS, who has the distinction of wearing seven personal awards, the largest number of citations received by an Army Chaplain in this war, has written of his experiences as an infantry chaplain in the book *Doughboy Chaplain*. The story is of the famous First Division.

Navy CHAPLAINS JAMES WATT, IVAN H. BENNETT, YANDEL S. BEANS and FRANK P. MACKENZIE participated in dedicatory services of two new chapels which were constructed by the 594th Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment at the Yokohama Base.

CHAPLAIN MAURICE M. WITHERSPOON, USN, who was recently retired after thirty years service, is now affiliated with the Service and Rehabilitation Committee of the New York State Grand Lodge of Masons.

CHAPLAIN DONALD I. KHERLI upon his return from overseas duty was assigned to Chanute Field, Illinois. Bishop J. Ralph Magee regards the chaplain's work there of the greatest importance because of the number of recruits coming in.

CHAPLAIN SHELTON HUTCHISON, home from England after three years, brought back a collection of jewels which included pieces from the royal families and heirlooms from the nobles of Great Britain. They were donated to aid the war effort.

Former chaplains EDWARD FISHER, MARK L. ANDREWS, WILLIAM J. HANNUM, HAROLD R. LUTZ and WILLIAM J. WESTHAFER were all honored at the spring meeting of the Dayton Presbytery which convened at Northminster church, Springfield, Ohio.

CHAPLAINS ROBERT D. WORKMAN, USN, and F. W. CROPP participated in the services of the New York Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars at St. Thomas' Church commemorating the first anniversary of V-E Day.

Former chaplain FRANKLIN COLE, USNR, was closely associated with Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa during the first

Chaplains attending conference conducted by World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland. (LEFT TO RIGHT) *Wayne L. Braden, Wallace M. Hale, Roland R. Young, Jacob J. Bousun, Eldon A. Byrd, John G. Craig, Roy E. Nelson, Victor E. Dalke, S. D. Faircloth. In extreme background is Dr. Garber, Ambassador to World Council of Churches*

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff, U. S. Army, speaking at luncheon of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, Washington, D. C. (LEFT TO RIGHT) *Dr. Joseph G. Hazen, Acting Director, the General Commission; Gen. Eisenhower; the Right Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill and Admiral Chester W. Nimitz* (*MacLeod Photo*)

three months of the occupation of Japan. He says that Dr. Kagawa is not only trusted by General MacArthur but by American missionaries and business men who were interned during the war as well as by many chaplains who have seen the great work that this Japanese Christian is carrying on.

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CHAPLAIN ROBERT C. LESLIE was welcomed by ministers and laymen alike at the Annual Conference of the New Zealand Methodist Church. The chaplain attended the Conference as a "self-appointed representative of American Methodism" while on detached service from his regular assignment in New Caledonia.

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Former chaplain O. W. SEDAM has been appointed Executive Secretary of the Council of Churches, Redlands, California.

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The life of CHAPLAIN IRVING TEPPER was the basis of the script for the radio show "The Four Questions" written by Morton Wishengrad. The chaplain went through the Sicily invasion with the 60th Infantry Division and served with that outfit until he died August 13, 1944, of wounds received in battle.

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Former chaplain RAY H. COWEN has prepared for publication in book form a group of seven sermons given in the service which are "reverent, plain, direct, understandable and of practical value for daily living." The book, entitled *His Perfect Recompense* is being published by Meador Publishing Company, Boston, Massachusetts.

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Former chaplain JOHN A. CRAIG, USNR, who is now Director of the Christian Center in Milwaukee, Wis., learned during 32 months in the Pacific that a knowledge of the culinary art is most helpful. He organized a chef's club for boys at the center and now has a long waiting list of those who want to enroll in classes in kitchen "tactics" conducted by Mrs. Craig.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Chief of U. S. Naval Operations, speaking at Luncheon of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, Washington, D. C. (LEFT TO RIGHT) *The Right Rev. Henry K. Sherrill, Bishop of Massachusetts and Chairman of the Commission; Admiral Nimitz; Rear Admiral Wm. N. Thomas; Col. John N. Andrews, representing General Omar Bradley and Dr. F. L. Fagley, Vice-chairman, Generel Commission*
(*MacLeod photo*)

CHAPLAIN LEIGH O. WRIGHT recently completed his eighty-sixth crossing of the Atlantic as a transport chaplain. Eighty-two of these were on the *Queen Mary*. The chaplain has not only preached to soldiers but to such persons as Winston Churchill and Anthony Eden.

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CHAPLAIN JAMES MILES WEBB, USA-Ret., died March 19 at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California.

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CHAPLAIN WILLIAM PRIGGER, USNR, who spent 18 months with the Navy in the Pacific, has been giving an account of his experiences to churches, clubs and youth rallies. His assistant while serving with the forces that liberated the Philippines, George Lyshon, has been with him during these speaking engagements. The latter, who is said to have one of the most outstanding voices discovered in years, has been offered contracts by three leading opera companies, and it is possible that he may become the protege of John Charles Thomas.

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CHAPLAIN JOHN E. KINNEY who was the first chaplain with the Fifth Air Force and chief chaplain of the Allied Forces in the Far East for twenty-nine months, is now assigned to duty at Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio, Texas.

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CHAPLAIN JOHN K. BORNEMAN delivered the sermon at the service of installation of CHAPLAIN RICHARD R. WHITE at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Scranton, Pa. The installation service was conducted by the Bishop of Pennsylvania. Chaplain White was formerly senior chaplain at Fort Belvoir, Va.

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COLONEL A. R. GOODYEAR, A.G.D., has returned to duty as Executive Officer, Office of the Chief of Army Chaplains, after undergoing an operation at Walter Reed General Hospital.